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Toshimichi KISHIMOTO et al.

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For: STORAGE DEVICE AND

METHOD OF SETTING

CONFIGURATION INFORMATION OF

SAME

Customer No.: 20350

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Examiner: Jeffrey A. Gaffin

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the

following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.